



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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Mark D. Dopkin, Treasurer
Ben Cardin for Congress
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RE: MUR 4928

Dear Mr. Dopkin:

In the ordinary course of exercising its supervisory responsibilities, the Commission examined a sua sponte submission received from MSBDFA Management Group Inc ("MMG"), which states that it made several prohibited corporate contributions to federal committees in the names of officers of the corporation. Based on the information provided by MMG, the Commission found reason to believe that four officers of the corporation were either advanced or reimbursed funds that they contributed to federal committees in violation of 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441f, and on February 15, 2000 approved conciliation agreements with the corporation and the four officers in settlement of the matter. One \$200 contribution identified by the submission was made by Stanley W. Tucker on April 7, 1998 to Ben Cardin for Congress.


Federal law prohibits making corporate contributions in connection with federal elections, or the knowing acceptance of such contributions. 2 U.S.C. §441b(a). Further, 2 U.S.C. § 441f prohibits making any contributions in the name of another, or the knowing acceptance of such contributions. In light of the impermissible nature of the above-referenced contribution, the Commission instructs you to disgorge an equivalent amount to the United States Treasury, care of the Federal Election Commission, within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. The Commission is providing this notice for your information, and does not consider you a respondent in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Eugene H. Bull, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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